

THE COURTS.

BARON SEILLIERE'S TROUBLES.

THREE NEW SUITS AGAINST HIM—A GENERAL DENIAL ENTERED.

The financial troubles of Baron Seilliere seem to be multiplying. Three new suits were begun in the Supreme Court yesterday, the amounts demanded in the three being about \$108,000. Alexander Ullman is the plaintiff in two of these suits and Lathrop L. Jullcock in the other. Mr. Ullman wants \$50,000.50. Mr. Ullman says that in August, 1887, the Baron loaned him a sum of money, which he had been put by his sister, the Princess de Sagan, and while there he received a note from the banking firm of Seilliere & Co. that his interest in the firm amounted to only 200,000 francs. Mr. Ullman declares that the Baron told him that he could have 10 per cent of any amount over the sum mentioned which he could secure from the firm. Through his negotiations, Mr. Ullman says, he secured 4,500,000 francs from the firm. He now wants the 10 per cent of the 4,500,000 francs. Mr. Ullman also declares that at the request of the Baron he secured a loan for him of 400,000 francs. For this service, he declares, the Baron promised to pay him 10 per cent of the amount secured. This debt has never been paid either. In 1884 and 1885, Mr. Ullman says, the Baron got in the hands of usurers and appealed to Mr. Ullman to help him out. In June, 1886, pursuant to this request, he declares, he secured a loan for the Baron. For this service, Mr. Ullman declares, the Baron promised to pay him \$12,000.50, but he has failed to pay the amount.

Mr. Bullock demands \$12,738 on one cause of action and \$1,135 on the other. The first amount is on an assigned claim from Ullman, and the second is for service rendered by Bullock himself. While the Baron was in the lunatic asylum, Mr. Bullock declares, he wrote to Mr. Bullock requesting him to use his influence to secure his release. The ground on which he wanted to secure assistance from this country was that while he was in this country, in 1887, he declared his intention, in California, of becoming an American citizen. Mr. Bullock declares that he went to France and visited the asylum where the Baron was confined, for his friends interested in the case and visited Washington in his behalf after he returned to this country. In performing these services he spent not only his time but his money, and the Baron has never reimbursed him fully for either. The amount due originally was \$1,608, and the Baron paid \$510 on the account, but refused to pay any more. Mr. Bullock declares that he has a letter from the Baron acknowledging the debt.

The Baron has put in an answer in which he denies the indebtedness.

DISPOSAL OF HER CHILD BY WILL.
Judge Beach, in the Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday granted a writ of habeas corpus requiring Mr. and Mrs. Moser, of No. 24 Perry-st., to produce the daughter of Joseph H. Kerr in court. From the papers in the case the circumstances attending the custody of the child by the Mosers are peculiar. Mr. Kerr's wife died on January 21st last. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr were separated for some time before her death. Mrs. Kerr and her eight-year-old daughter, whose name is Florine, attended the Perry Street Methodist Episcopal Church and so did the Mosers. After Mrs. Kerr's death a will was discovered by the provisions of which the little girl was bequeathed to the Mosers. Mr. Kerr declares that his wife had no right to make such a will and he wants the custody of the child.

A FARM MORTGAGE TRUST CO. IN TROUBLE.

IT HAD BRANCHES IN NEW-YORK AND OTHER PLACES—OTHER BUSINESS EMBARRASMENTS.

The Western Farm Mortgage Trust Company, which has become embarrassed at Denver, has an office at No. 40 Wall-st., where T. Pratt has acted as manager for several years. Deputy Sheriff Mulvaney a few days ago received an execution against the company for \$25,765, in favor of the Western National Bank, on promissory notes of the St. Louis Land and Water Company, which the trust company had endorsed. When the deputy sheriff went to make the levy Mr. Pratt declared that the trust company had no property whatever in New-York County, and that the office furniture and fixtures belonged to him, so there was nothing to attach. The summons in the suit on which the judgment was obtained against the company, issued by the Western National Bank, at Albany, where there was a branch office. There are other branch offices at Boston, Philadelphia and Seattle, the headquarters being at Denver. The company of late has been working in Washington and Oregon. When the company was started in 1880 the business was principally confined to Kansas farm mortgages. The concern was originally a partnership, and was incorporated at Lawrence, Kan., in November, 1887, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, which was increased to \$3,000,000 in 1888, of which \$1,200,000 was paid in. Eastern stockholders have been clamorous for some time, as the dividends were passed last year, but the officers of the company declared that the company had changed the plan of paying interest, and would not pay it until the interest on the mortgages had been collected. Last fall the company issued a statement of its condition on June 30, which placed the assets at \$4,274,318, and liabilities at \$2,559,817, exclusive of capital stock of \$1,000,000; and surplus and undivided profits, \$233,821. The largest liabilities were \$1,402,306, for debentures certified; \$546,111, bills payable, and \$379,978, individual deposits. The assets included real-estate securities, \$1,379,833; mortgages deposited as security for debentures, \$1,729,328; municipal and other stocks and bonds, \$208,974.

An attachment has been granted against Colgate Baker, the tea merchant of Kobe, Japan, who is reported to have failed there and to have returned to the United States, for \$34,646 in favor of the Eppens Smith & Wilmann Company, of this city, for a balance due from Baker on sales of goods to the amount of \$30,757, consigned by the company to him from November 1, 1890, to January 1, 1892. He was to sell the goods on a 4 per cent commission, which amounted to \$19,183. The company has paid out on drafts of Baker's \$34,646 too much, and the return of that amount has been demanded. Mr. Baker has done business since 1874 as Colgate Baker & Co.

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The sheriff has taken possession of the store of William H. Cummings, dealer in wrap rubber at Nos. 288 and 290 Washington-st., on an attachment for \$11,000 in favor of the E. Read Goodridge Manufacturing Company, of Newport, on the ground of wrongful conversion of personal property. The company alleges that between September 1, 1890, and August 1, 1891, it was robbed of 10,000 pounds of rubber thread valued at \$11,000, which it is asserted Mr. Cummings bought for \$2,000.

A COMING NOMINATION BY GOVERNOR RUSSELL.

Boston, Feb. 6 (Special).—It is understood that Governor Russell will send in next Wednesday the name of Matthew Keany for Metropolitan sewerage Commissioner, in place of R. T. Davis, of Fall River, whose term has expired. If Mr. Keany is confirmed the Board will have one Democratic member, heretofore it has been entirely Democratic. The Governor has had some difficulty in making the selection. He would have liked too give the place to General Corcoran or General Collins, but neither of these men wanted it. Mr. Keany's mission seems to be that of a peace-maker. He has been a member of the Democratic ward and city committee for more than twenty years. When the Cummins and Macaire factions were tearing it to pieces, three years ago, he was the only man who could restore harmony. Although born in Ireland, he has lived in Boston since he was fourteen, and he has become wealthy by the steady pursuit of his business as a grocer and ship chandler. He is also part owner of several coastwise and fishing vessels. Mr. Keany will accept the place, although he is not anxious for it, and he will probably be confirmed by the Executive Council.

A NEW THEATRE IN BOSTON.

Boston, Feb. 6 (Special).—This city in a few days have another added to her list of theatres. The Bowdoin Square Theatre, named after its location opposite the Revere House. It will be opened one week from Monday. This morning the workmen began taking down the boards which have covered the main entrance to the house for months. The auditorium is being completed with the greatest rapidity under the supervision of the architect, Clarence H. Blackall. Eleven o'clock was the hour announced for the opening of the sale of tickets for the first performance, on December 15, when "A Night at the Circus" is to be given by Nellie McHenry and her company. Promptly on time the box-office window was opened, and Henry Harris, the son of Manager William Harris, appeared to sell tickets. The tickets were taken rapidly.

A BIG BELL TO HOUSE NEWARK FIREMEN.

Baltimore, Feb. 6.—Henry Meschane & Co. completed this afternoon the casting of a huge bell, whose tones will serve to arouse the Fire Department of Newark, N. J. The order for the bell was received a month ago. The bell weighs 10,000 pounds, and its diameter exceeds eighty-two inches. No larger bell has ever been manufactured in this country. The bell will be shipped to Newark early next week. Meschane & Co. have now in the moulding a 5,000-pounder for a church in Pittsburg, and a chime of four bells, weighing 7,000 pounds each, for Easton, Penn., besides twenty-seven orders for bells ranging from 600 to 2,000 pounds for all parts of the country.

KILLED BY A RUNAWAY TEAM.

Belvidere, N. J., Feb. 6.—Henry Brent, aged seventy-nine, a resident of Harrington Park, N. J., was killed by a runaway team at Hoofman's farm, near Belvidere, yesterday. The horses ran away and bent round to stop them. He was knocked down and run over, his skull being fractured. He did not regain consciousness. Brent was an old sea captain and had crossed the Atlantic many times.

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WORK ON THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

WAITING FOR THE SALE OF SECURITIES AND ACTION BY CONGRESS.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—Captain William L. Merritt, ex-president of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, was seen today regarding the statements made by R. T. Sparks, who has returned from Managua, to the effect that work on the Nicaragua Canal had ceased. Captain Merritt is the local agent for the Nicaraguan Government, and is also interested in the development of the canal. He said the statement that work on the canal has ceased is incorrect. "The construction company does not profess to be doing extensive work on the canal," he said, "pending the negotiations of their securities in Europe, or until their contract has been passed upon by Congress; but my advice from the district engineer in December last showed that there were 400 men on the payroll at the time, and that work was going on steadily, if slowly. The company has a concession from Nicaragua for 100 years. Under the terms thereof they were required to expend \$2,000,000 in work the first year. According to the report of the board appointed by that Government nearly \$2,000,000 was expended by the company, and the Government not only approved the work of construction, complying with the requirements of the concession, but granted another extension of ten years in addition to that originally fixed for the completion of the work and opening the canal. Over \$5,000,000 of the \$12,000,000 of capital stock of the company has been expended in the work, which has been economically managed and been productive of good results.

A. G. Menocal, representative of the Construction Company, is now in London effecting the disposal of \$10,000,000 in bonds and \$600,000 in stock of the Canal Company, and pending the disposal of these securities and action of Congress, which must necessarily modify the company's profits. He later is my idea that these statements detrimental to the company have come from persons interested in the numerous railroads projected or constructed in the territory adjacent to the canal. Such roads, far from being a hindrance to the canal, would act as feeders to the canal, and vice-versa. It is confidently anticipated that the local trade of Nicaragua alone will within a few years after the construction of the canal, pay for its maintenance, and I can say that, feeling favorable action by the United States Congress, English funds ready to take up the work."

AN "ASTROLOGER" SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

Brockton, Mass., Feb. 6.—In January, 1889, the wife of Louis Anderson committed suicide after having killed two of her children by giving them chloroform. At that time an astrologer, George H. George, was arrested on a complaint charging him with being accessory before the fact. Mrs. Anderson stated before she died that she had consulted George and had obtained an insight into certain family matters which caused her act. George was held in the Police Court, but was discharged when the matter was brought before the Grand Jury. He has now brought suit against Judge Reed and Clerk Warren Goldard, of the Municipal Court, and also against Oliver D. Appleton, in which he asks \$1,000 damages from each for false arrest and imprisonment.

BUTCHERED HER SLEEPING HUSBAND.

St. Louis, Feb. 5.—A dispatch from Milan, Tenn., says that a horrible tragedy was enacted in Carroll County last night. Charles Travis and his wife have been having domestic troubles for some time. A few days ago Travis killed his wife from the door. She swore to kill him, and last night, while he was sleeping, she procured a razor and shaved and cut his face and throat in a dozen places, death following in a few minutes. When help arrived the woman was covered with blood, and was in the act of shooting herself. She is now in jail.

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